



St. Xavier's College Jaipur

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TWO DAY WORKSHOP ON INDIAN KNOWLEDGE SYSTEMS 16-17 JUNE 2024

Event Report

St. Xavier's College, Jaipur, organized a two-day workshop on Indian Knowledge Systems from June 16-17, 2024, under the aegis of the Faculty Development Training and Educational Planning Committee (FDTEPC) and the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC). The workshop featured two primary sessions on Indian Knowledge Systems and "Artificial Intelligence (AI) and its Applications in Higher Education,"

On June 16, 2024, Maharaj Swami Kamalasthananda, Principal of Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Centenary College, West Bengal, was the resource person. His session delved into the Indian Knowledge System, covering its literary and non-literary aspects, and emphasizing the significance of Sanatana Dharma and other dharmic traditions in contemporary society. Maharaj Ji highlighted the contributions of Indian astronomy and the core values of existence, knowledge, and bliss. He stressed the importance of character, willpower, and effort in personal development and success, advocating for hard work and concentration as essential elements. His discourse left a profound impact on the participants, underscoring the need to preserve and uphold the rich Indian Knowledge System and its ideals. The session was followed by queries and discussion on the problems faced by the use of technology in modern life.

The focal point of the second day was a session on "Artificial Intelligence (AI) and its Applications in Higher Education," conducted by Rev. Fr. Olvin Veigas, SJ, Assistant Professor at St. Joseph's Institute of Management, Bengaluru. The session began with a welcome address by Prof. (Dr.) S. Xavier SJ, the College Principal. Fr. Veigas initiated the session with a pulse-check activity that posed questions about emerging technologies like ChatGPT and Gemini, setting the tone for an interactive discussion. He elaborated on the context and scope of AI, addressing potential threats to copyright ethics and original thinking, and advocated for a balanced approach to AI adoption with proper frameworks and ethical governance.

Fr. illustrated the rapid integration of AI across sectors with visual examples of platforms like Netflix, Airbnb, and ChatGPT, and explored the applications of AI in education. He highlighted AI's potential to enhance personal productivity, personalize teaching content, and catalyze faculty teaching technologies, while also cautioning against the negative impacts on students, such as increased distraction and over-reliance on technology. Participants engaged in hands-on practice with various AI tools like autodraw.com, remove.bg, SlidesGPT, Canva Magic, and more, gaining practical insights into AI's capabilities in streamlining educational processes.

The session concluded with a Q&A segment, allowing participants to clarify their doubts about specific AI tools and their applications. The event was well-received, blending traditional

knowledge with modern technology and providing valuable insights into the transformative potential of AI in higher education.

Overall, the workshop was a successful amalgamation of cultural wisdom and advanced technological understanding, reflecting the synergy between traditional Indian knowledge and contemporary innovations.